

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004. Claims 1-33 were rejected. Applicant has submitted amendments for claims 1, 12, and 23. Claims 1-33 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Microsoft Excel 2000 (pp. 1-11, copyright 1985-1999), hereinafter “Excel 2000.” Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections in light of the following remarks.

In regard to independent claim 1 (as amended), Applicant respectfully submits that Excel 2000 does not teach or suggest “wherein the at least one column comprises a plurality of number fields and a plurality of operation fields, wherein a first number field of the plurality of number fields is displayed alongside a first operation field of the plurality of operation fields in the at least one column in a first row.” Excel 2000 discloses a standard spreadsheet having multiple columns (e.g., A, B, C, etc.) and multiple rows (e.g., 1, 2, 3, etc.). In a standard spreadsheet such as Excel 2000, the intersection of a row and a column is referred to as a field or a cell. Each column in Excel 2000 includes a set of fields, one on top of another. Excel 2000 does not teach or suggest two types of fields, such as an operation field and a number field, being displayed alongside one another in the same row and in the same column. In the Excel 2000 example screenshots cited by the Office Action, the set of operation fields is displayed below, not alongside, the set of number fields (e.g., in columns C and F).

Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that Excel 2000 does not teach or suggest “displaying the mathematical operators in columnar format in the operation fields in the at least one column; displaying the numeric values in columnar format in the number fields alongside the operation fields in the at least one column.” Applicant again submits that Excel 2000 does not teach or suggest two types of fields, such as operation fields and number fields, being displayed alongside one another in the same column.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicant submits that claims 1-33 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §102(b) rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5676-00400/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ Notice of Change of Address

Respectfully submitted,



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